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In re Patent Application of)
Jay A FOURNIER et al.) Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
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For: SMOKING ARTICLE WRAPPER)
WITH IMPROVED FILLER)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace Claims 1, 21, 24, 26 and 27 as follows:

1. (Amended) A wrapper for a smoking article of an electrical smoking system wherein tobacco is contained by the wrapper, the wrapper comprising a cellulosic web material and at least one filler therein, the filler being effective to reduce the content of gaseous components in the smoke produced upon combustion/pyrolysis of the smoking article.